

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2542 - HB 3205**

February 21, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows the use of telemedicine defined as the delivery of health care via interactive audio, video or data communications. Requires informed consent from a patient prior to the delivery of such health care services except in an emergency. Amends the law so that face-to-face contact is not required under the TennCare program subject to policies developed by the TennCare Bureau.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Assumes:

- some increase in expenditures in the Department of Health to develop consent forms and deal with changed regulations in the professional licensing boards.
- that the bill does not mandate the use of telemedicine by TennCare MCOs for health care services and the MCO would determine when the use would be appropriate.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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